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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 21 to 28 February 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation and in order to drop heat flares.

21 February 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 21 February 1994.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi and Amarah.

22 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi, Ushbayjah, Lasaf, Jabayish, Qal'at Salih and Amarah.

23 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman and Qal'at Salih.

24 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Salman, Lasaf, Ushbayjah, Qal'at Salih, Jabayish and Artawi.

- At 1500 hours on 24 February, a hostile aircraft dropped three heat flares on the Shaykhan district in Ninawa Governorate.

25 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 39 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah, Ushbayjah and Lasaf.

26 February 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 26 February 1994.

(b) Southern region: 49 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Basra and Artawi.

- At 1205 hours on 26 February 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Samawah, Amarah, the area south of Diwaniyah, Qurnah, Basra and Shatrah. It departed at 1452 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

27 February 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 27 February 1994.

(b) Southern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the southern region on 27 February 1994.

28 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Dohuk and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah and Suq al-Shuyukh.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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